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## Gatekeepers in waiting

Substitute teacher Myrna Fedorus, teacher's aide Elvis Sibal and Grade 4 student William Boratynec waited impatiently for the winners as Elk Point Elementary School's 18th annual Cross-Country race got underway last Friday. More cross-country photos on Page 3.

Vicki Brooker photo

# Council looking forward to 2007 centennial

By Vicki Brooker
*Review Staff*

Elk Point Town Council took the first steps toward preparing for the community's 2007 centennial, when they discussed potential centennial projects at last Monday's regular meeting.

"We want to identify a couple of projects, then see what grant funding is available," Mayor Parrish Tung told Council.

"One thing I'd like to see," councillor Thomas Kondla said, "is the welcome signs replaced. It would really update the community."

Council was urged to put on their thinking caps and to bring ideas for potential projects to the November meeting.

Budgets, present and future, were on the agenda, with Council discussing income and expenditures for the first three quarters of 2005 at some length as well as setting December 19 as the date for their 2006 budget meeting.

Town Council is planning a town hall meeting for early in the new year, where the 2006 budget, renovations to the water treatment plant and the 2007 centennial will be discussed.

RCMP Sgt. Brian Quist visited Council to present the detachment area's crime statistics for the third quarter of 2005. He also told Council that a hoped-for addition to the staff will not be happening as planned, as the need was greater in another community. The number of positions at a detachment is determined by the criminal code case load per member, Quist said, as well as the amount of overtime hours worked by detachment members.

"When we get a new member, it will be a corporal, " he said. "They're telling us April 1" as an arrival date for an additional member.

With residents already facing utility increases, council voted to leave their ATCO Electric franchise fee at current levels. "We don't want to make things more stressful for the consumers," Mayor Tung noted. The Town has the ability to change the franchise fee annually.

A planned expansion to the Elk Point Co-op store will require closure of a lane which is currently part of the store's parking lot. Council agreed to close the lane, with the Co-op to pay for the expenses incurred in the process.

Elk Point's Royal Canadian Legion branch may be closed, but Elk Point FCSS is "making sure Remembrance Day is commemorated," according to Mayor Tung. A committee which includes the mayor and Councillor Kondla is busy planning an event incorporating the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph, followed by an indoor program. Council agreed to purchase a wreath in support of the observances.

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# County urges arts society to move forward with feasibility study

By Clare Gauvreau
*Staff Writer*

County council urged a delegation from the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society to move forward with a feasibility study to determine if a now vacant portion of the Northern Lights Library System building will meet the needs of the society.

Society representatives Don Conrad and Mildred Orr attended the Oct. 11 County of St. Paul council meeting to provide an overview of the society's purpose and to share the society's plans for a facility. "We are focusing on a facility. A portion of the Northern Lights building is vacant and they are willing to sell it to people in the community so it can be a useful facility in the community," Conrad said.

However, he said there are some areas of concern as the vacant portion would need to be subdivided and, at present, the proposed dividing wall houses the control panels for the Northern Lights operation. These would have to be moved and, at an estimated cost of $70,000, it is proving to be a stumbling block, keeping Northern Lights from moving forward with a subdivision request.

"A feasibility study of what this project will entail is planned after we have received title to the property."

County Reeve Robert Bouchard questioned why a feasibility study isn't the first thing being done.

"The most important is if the building is going to work for you first. Is it feasible to renovate."

Conrad said the society has already received a commitment from MLA Ray Danyluk to assist the group with funding 50 per cent of a feasibility study to a maximum of $30,000. Bouchard said there is also a possibility the county could assist with the study costs.

"People need to know the scope of the project both from the capital costs and the operating aspect," CAO Kim Heyman said.

### Capital borrowing bylaw

Bylaw 1458, authorizing borrowing $1,108,000 to finance the purchase of capital equipment, was approved by council. The funds, used to purchase the county's reclaimer and16H grader, will be repaid over a five-year period.

Provincial infrastructure monies announced earlier this year means the county can proceed with a number of road projects. Having the equipment to do the work itself will save the county over the long-term.

"There's a 40 to 50 per cent increase in prices for road building," Heyman told the Journal following the meeting. "There's a eight, nine, 10-month tender process because there's so much work in the province and not enough contractors so they are picking and choosing what they do."

### Riverview Water Treatment

Coun. Glen Ockerman updated council regarding a request by the Canadian Salt Company asking the county to apply for a grant from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to purchase and install equipment to upgrade the water treatment system at Riverview near Lindbergh. The county is unable to pursue the grant, as it does not hold title to the system.

### Rec. Facilities Grants

Sugden Community Centre will receive a Recreational Facilities Grant in the amount of $600 and Lac Sante Family Recreational Society will receive $374.50 to offset expenses.

### Debenture Bylaw

Council approved a debenture borrowing bylaw to assist the Mallaig and District Agricultural Society with its recreation facility management project through the ME first program for the Mallaig arena and curling rink. The ag. society has agreed to re-pay the $27,000 interest-free loan over five years.

### First reading approved

Council gave first reading to bylaw 1459 to rezone part of SE 11-58-9-W4 from agricultural district to country residential. The owner plans to develop residential parcels on the property located just east of the town of St. Paul on Hwy. 28.

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# Town Council

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The public will soon be able to log on to the Town of Elk Point website and read the minutes to see exactly what is discussed at Town Council meetings, as well as having access to the community's bylaws. Watch for the official launch of these new features.

The Municipal Emergency Plan has been reviewed by Bill Boskwick, who pointed out that with only one phone line, the Council chambers are not good for a command centre. This and other matters will be discussed October 20 when Disaster Services stakeholders meet in Elk Point.

Council agreed that one way they could help the fledgling Elk Point and District Allied Arts Society to reach their goal of creating a performing arts venue in warehouse space at the Northern Lights Library System headquarters, would be to subdivide the property at no charge to the society.

"I hope that this will be the first of many steps we can take to help them," Mayor Tung said.

A problem with ATVs speeding in alleys has been noted, and appropriate steps will be taken by the Town, including posting of speed limits to be observed by those using the alleys.

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## *Trip of the Month*

**INFORMATION SUBMITTED**

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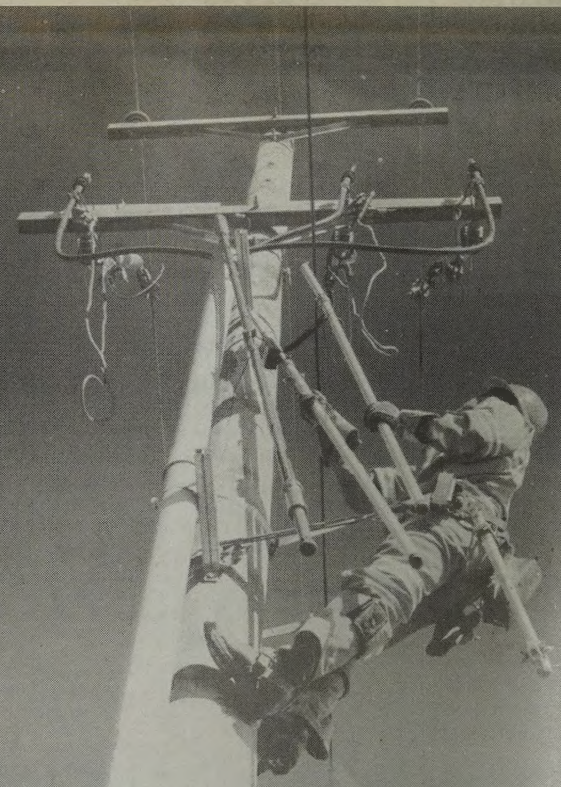

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## Fun, from beginning to end

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## EDITORIAL

# Small businessmen with big risks

This is both Small Business Week and the week we at the Review choose to salute the residents of our rural area, as they valiantly try to complete the 2005 harvest.

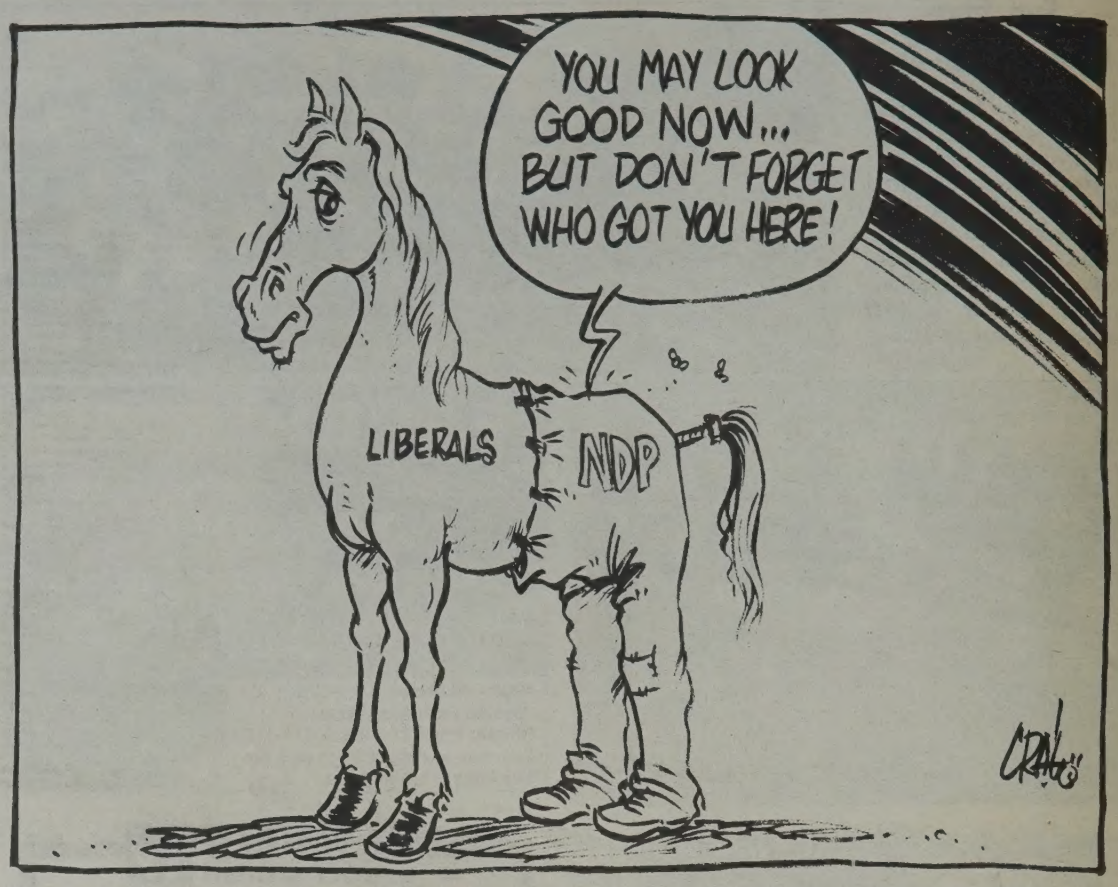
Farmers are small business owners, too, every bit as much as a person who owns a store, a restaurant or a gas station. They are self-employed, they often employ workers, and their investment in equipment and stock is far larger than that of many an in-town business.

Farm fuel bills, especially in spring, summer and fall, rival those of trucking companies and their electric bills, especially in the winter when they need block heaters, heat lamps and heat tapes to keep everything thawed and running, would make a store owner turn pale. Input costs range from seed and fertilizer, herbicide and pesticide to livestock supplements, veterinary medicines and in bad years, hugely inflated feed costs.

In return, whereas the average small business has a product to sell and customers to buy it, for farmers that is not always the case. Grain can be sold only when there are quotas, cattle only when someone is willing to buy them. With closed borders for close to two years, buyers have been few and prices have been low. A big crop is a mixed blessing, because in times of plenty, prices tend to fall.

Unfortunately, it costs every bit as much to raise a crop or a calf that has no market, as to raise that same commodity when prices are high.

Want to hear about business risks? Ask a farmer.




## WAY BACK WHEN...

# *Arena uncertainty, academic achievers*

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**1985**

Fears that all winter activities at the A. G. Ross Arena could be cancelled were alleviated when a much larger group of interested individuals showed up at a second meeting, with directors chosen to be in charge of specific activities. Harvest progress was slow, with only 10 percent of oats, 15 percent of wheat, 20 percent of barley and half of the canola crop in the bins, with grades of all but canola below normal due to the delayed harvest.

**1990**

Sheldon Porcina was presented with the Best All-Around Student award by Dr. K. C. Miller at F. G. Miller High School Awards Night, with Nathan Bosvik winning the Governor General's Bronze Medal and the County of St. Paul High Academic Standing award. Town Council staved off disruption of the paper recycling efforts of the Lioness Club and Elk Point Scouting Scouting Association by volunteering to transport the papers to Two Hills. for pickup.

**1995**

Allan Young won the Division 1 seat in the County of St. Paul election, with Ray Danyluk returned in Division 2 as well as to his school board seat. At Heinsburg School, Aileen Harper and David Skolarchuk won the Overall Academic Achievement awards for junior and senior high.

**2000**

Ray Danyluk announced his intention to run for the Progressive Conservative nomination in the St. Paul/Lac La Biche provincial riding, saying that his experience in education and agriculture would help him to make a difference. Elk Point Town Council discussed the option of having their on waste transfer site, so that town and county residents would not have to haul all waste materials to St. Paul.

## GUEST COLUMN

# A sharing and caring community

deanna **EASTHOPE**
*from the FCSS desk*

It is now almost the end of October and we have been watching to see if our farmer friends have been able to finish their harvest. With weather conditions not always being the best, it has been hard on our farmers this fall season. So to all the farmers, we just want to let you know we are thinking of you, and we do care about the weather conditions and your opportunity to finish your harvest. We do care about you.

What happens to the farmers is like a domino effect on the rest of us. For example, if frost came early in a season or early in the fall, fruit that grows on fruit trees are affected. Supply to consumers will be less. Then, of course, the cost will be higher. In our area, we raise different varieties of grain. One of these is wheat. When we think of wheat, we think of flour. Weather conditions also affect this product. Flour is one of our staple products for a lot of the food we eat. Again, the supply affects the cost. Because this type of food is grown by farmers, and mother nature or weather conditions have a lot to do with the harvest, our concerns are with the farmers.

But what about the beef we eat? The weather conditions involved here are with the food the cattle eat. It wasn't very long ago, when the drought conditions, farmers had to bring in hay from other areas to feed their cattle. This year, hay has been produced, so the cattle are fed. But, it is the selling of the beef that may or may not be a problem. It all depends on small politics and big politics. So there you go. To be a farmer is not easy.

Do you know what else is not easy? It is not always easy living with the domino effect of what happens to farmers. The bottom line seems to be how all of this effects the economy of the consumer. Will we or will we not have enough money to buy what we need or want? Have you ever wondered where the word "economy" came from? It comes from the Greek word for "house manager." The one place where we generally insist on the careful expenditure of money is in our own home.

The next question becomes: "How are you all managing in your own homes?" This is probably a question you could probably answer: "Healthy at the moment" or "Not healthy at the moment," which refers to your economy or to your health. The hoping for a better day tomorrow reminds me of "Irish luck." The phrase "Irish luck" or "the luck of the Irish" became an expression because the Irish were always poor but managed to pull through somehow. The potato crop failed but they didn't all die of hunger; the "big Wind" blew all night but then it went out to sea again; the "luck of the Irish" pulled them through. One could ask: "Even though we are not all Irish, will we be developing some kind of phrase that fits us?"

Yes, I think we do have a phrase that fits us. I like it to be: "We share and we care." That is, as we get together to help each other, we find solutions to problems. The Meals-on-Wheels program in our community is one of those solutions. It is a volunteer-based community service available to individuals who are aged, ill, handicapped, recovering from surgery or illness, or who lack the strength and/or motivation to prepare adequate meals. The noon meals are prepared in the Elk Point Health Centre and the volunteer driver picks up the meals and delivers them Monday through Friday, including statutory holidays, to clients. If you feel you would like this service, give Hazel Hannah, Volunteer Coordinator, a call at 724-3897 to start delivery or you may call the FCSS office at 724-3800 for more information. The cost for each meal is only cost recovery.

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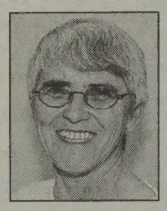
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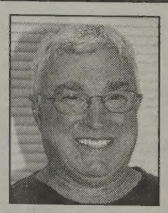
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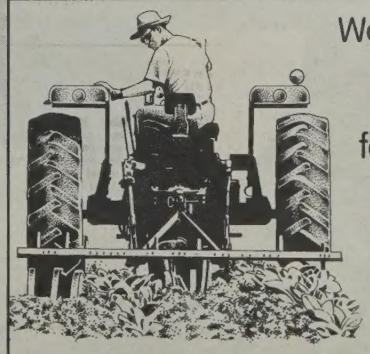

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# First harvest in 45 years for restored binder

**Rebuilder and restorer Sid Quist smiles from the operator's seat atop his prized McCormick Power Binder, with wife Rosemarie at the wheel of the couple's vintage tractor in the 2005 version of an old-time harvest scene.**

Photo submitted

By Vicki Brooker
*Review Staff*

*Small fields and challenging harvest conditions are no longer a problem for Sid Quist, an Elk Point area retired farmer who delights in repairing everything from clocks and sewing machines to antique farm machinery.*

"Last year, we had a field of swaths that were turned three times" due to weather conditions. "We lost that crop. I said, 'if that happens again, I'm going out with a binder.' My family thought I was crazy."

Quist also has a small field with a gate much too small to accommodate today's large harvest machinery, but with ample access for older equipment.

"I found a binder in the Myrnam district. This 10-foot McCormick power binder had been sitting in the bush since 1960. All the wood was rotten, and all that was left was a bunch of very rusty tin and iron."

One vital piece of the binder, a crankshaft, was badly bent and could not be straightened, but Quist was able to find another binder just like the first, in almost identical condition, but with the needed part intact, which Quist said was fortunate because "there's not a thing to be had any more" in the way of parts for machinery of that vintage.

Canvases could have been a potential problem, but Quist was fortunate to have a friend at Vermilion "who heard I was restoring the binder, and said he had two brand-new canvases he thought might be of use. They had never been out of the bags," he said, pointing out the printing on a vintage canvas in the upper part of the binder. The platform canvas and elevator canvas were re-sized from a more modern rubberized canvas donated by his son at Grande Prairie.

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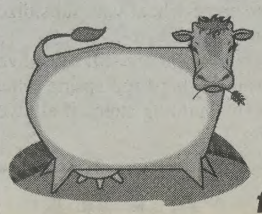

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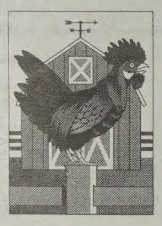
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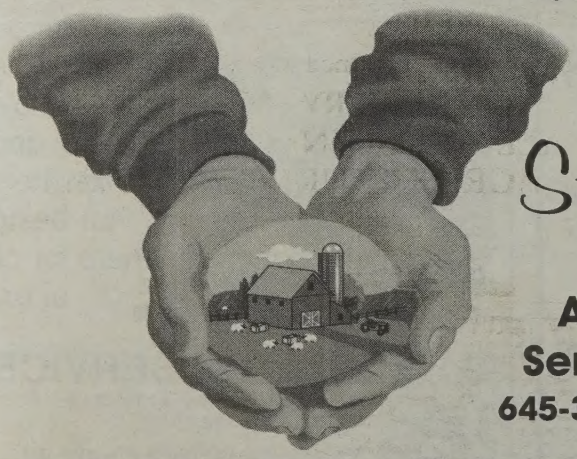
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# First harvest in 45 years for restored binder

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With the necessary parts and "the best part of two months" of painstaking labour, Quist came up with a binder that looks and works "just like new again." The wooden reel bats and other wooden pieces are completely new, painted the traditional McCormick cream colour, while the rest of the machine is authentic red, with a dark blue centre on the knotter mechanism.

"I didn't work steady at it, I did a little now and then. I would have liked to have had it done for the Canada Day parade, but I didn't have it finished in time."

The restoration was "a tremendous amount of work, but it was gratifying when I took it to the field and it worked just like new. It worked all afternoon, and never a loose bundle."

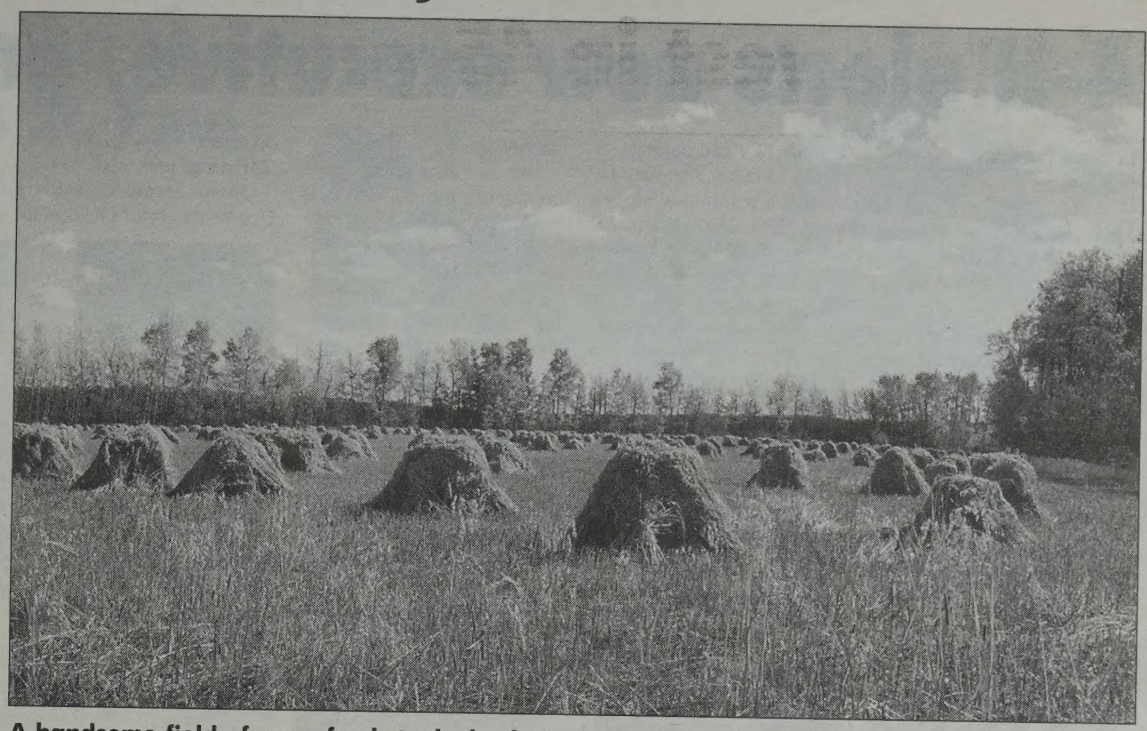
The benefits of the restored machine are twofold, Quist says. "I not only have a machine like this so young people can see how things went in earlier days, but I had the fun and pleasure of rebuilding it."

The former is important, Quist feels.

"We took some bundles to the church for the Thanksgiving service, and one of the ladies came up to me and said it must have been hard work to cut the grain and tie it up with a string. She seemed surprised that there was a machine that could do that."

As for the latter, Quist says, "I grew up with those things. I know the ins and outs, so I can adjust it when it needs it."

With his picturesque field of stooks now gathered into two large stacks in the farmyard, Quist pointed out two upcoming restoration projects, a vintage hay mower and a horse-drawn dump rake, which may get his attention... in between the repair jobs for friends and neighbours, which he says he does just because he loves helping people.



**A handsome field of greenfeed stooks basks in the autumn sunshine at the Quist farm. Once a common October sight, this is now an eye-pleasing rarity.** VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

# CWB's recent victory on Red Spring Wheat subsidies will be challenged

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The North Dakota Wheat Commission is going to challenge a trade ruling that found Canadian hard red spring wheat exports aren't hurting the US industry.

The commission says members voted unanimously to pursue the appeal.

The group's chair, Harlan Klein, says the facts of the case haven't changed -- only the members of the US International Trade Commission have changed.

Last week, the ITC reversed an earlier decision that found that Canadian hard red spring wheat was subsidized and sold in the US at less than fair value.

Klein says exports of Canadian wheat are still subsidized and continue to make life harder on hard red spring wheat growers in North Dakota and surrounding states if allowed to flow freely across the border.

Our hats off to those involved in the Ag. Industry. Good luck with the Harvest!

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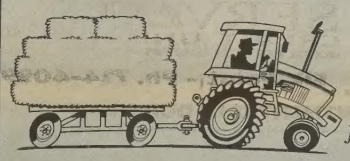
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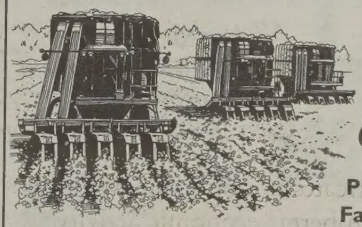
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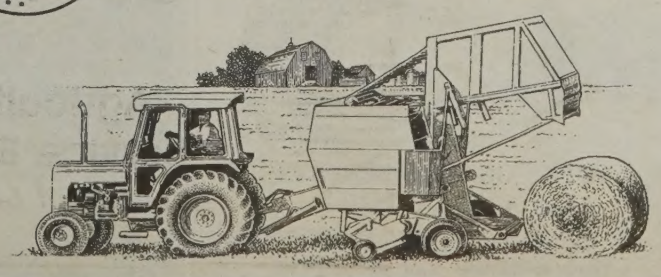


# 4-H elects new executive, gets to work

By Darren Tymofichuk
*Club Reporter*

4-H is now in full motion after our election meeting that was held on October 5, 2005. Our new executive is: president - Chelsea Schnurer, vice-president - Robyn Ockerman, secretary - Janice Tymofichuk, treasurer - Marvin Ockerman, parliamentarian - Bryant Schnurer, historians - Britney Heathcote and Taylor Cochrane, reporter - Darren Tymofichuk. The leaders are: general leader - Shelley Tymofichuk, assistant leader - Wanda Cochrane, horse leader - Daphne Schnurer, beef leader - Brian Schnurer, woodworking leader - Dallan Wandler and outdoorsman leaders - Robert and Shelley Tymofichuk and parents.

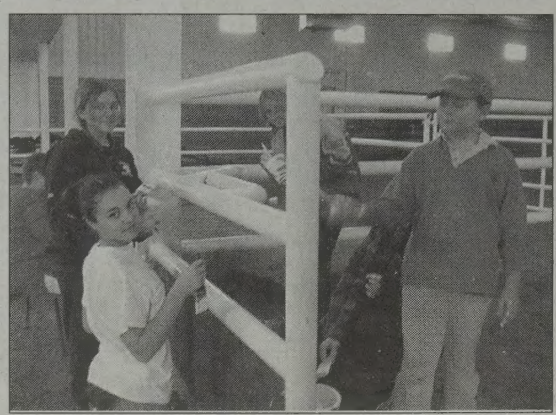
On Monday, October 10, we had a painting work bee at the C. G. Baker Memorial Arena. Everyone worked hard in getting the place to look its best. Thank you to Mr. Odgaard for helping us and providing us with an energy snack.

We are also going to be continuing our STARS calf raffle. Wyatt Heathcote will be looking after the STARS calf this year.

Thank you to all those who bought 4-H cookbooks from us. We still have some on hand - they make good Christmas presents!

Junior members, Britney Heathcote, Tyler Ockerman, Taylor Cochrane and myself will be putting up a display about National 4-H Week in the Elk Point Public Library. Stop by and see what our club is about.

Until next time, keep your eyes open for 4-H!



Hard at work! 4-Hers wielded the brushes to help out Elk Point and District Agricultural Society.

Dwayne Odgaard (back row, second from left) joined the 4-Hers as they gave C. G. Baker Arena fences a fresh coat of paint. *Photos submitted*

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# On-farm invention helps to deliver water across St. Paul community pasture

By Vicki Brooker
*Staff Writer*

If necessity is the mother of invention, the father of invention is most likely a farmer or rancher.

The ingenuity and innovation of Stony Lake area resident Steve Drobot has led to the creation of a piece of equipment which will be shown on Prairie Farm Report, a popular farm television show from Ag-Com Productions Ltd., Regina, at some point in the show's current season.

The recent visit from Ag-Com's camera crew resulted from an article and photo Drobot submitted to Farm Show magazine in 2001. "They kept the article on file, and phoned me this summer to ask about the pipe roller I had built, then came out to do a couple of hours' shoot."

Drobot turned a Massey #12 square baler into a device which can roll up a mile of the pipe used to supply water to troughs in the community pasture southwest of St. Paul. The roller, powered by the baler mechanism, has two interchangeable spools, Drobot says, "like a movie projector," each with a capacity of more than 5,000 feet of 1-1/2-inch plastic line.

The community pasture is a vast, 26,000-acre tract of land along the North Saskatchewan River south of Lafond, with 16,000 acres of that classed as improved. It is divided into 28 rotational fields and can accommodate about 2,300 cow/calf pairs, serving close to 60 patrons. The area is so huge that Drobot, who has been on the community pasture association's board since the pasture was privatized seven years ago, says, "there are places I haven't seen yet."

The patrons come to the pasture just twice a year, to bring their cattle and to take them out. The association hires a manager who in turn hires riders to take care of moving cattle from field to field to optimize grazing.

The cattle were originally watered from the river, but access has long since been fenced off, due to environmental concerns. In 1993, the board of directors started developing a water supply project, progressing from dugouts and a windmill to a permanent solar-powered pump. Now they have progressed to a portable solar-powered pumping system equipped with a tracker that allows the solar panel maximum access to the sun all day, returning during the night to its original eastern position, Drobot says.

The pasture has 52 dugouts, most of them fenced and with water pumped into troughs, fed by 13 water wells, with five of these connected to commercial power and others run by a portable generator.

To get water from the wells to troughs in remote areas of the pasture, Drobot says, "we laid out pipe. When cattle were rotated to different fields, we had to move the pipe," a time-consuming and tedious job which he came up with a way to simplify.

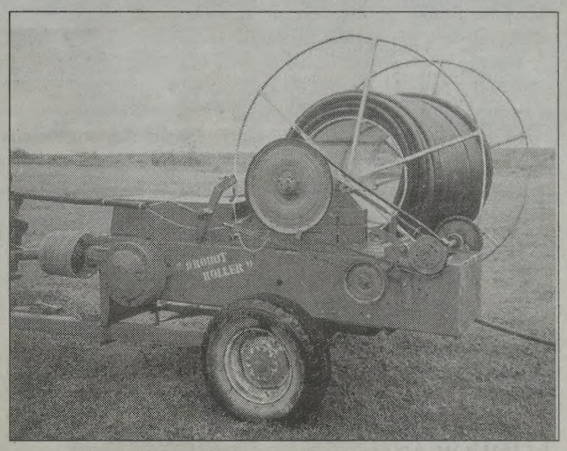
"I said, 'I'll build a roller.' Some of the board members were skeptical, but when I finished, they saw that it worked. We've used it extensively for four years."

Drobot says the community pasture is now moving toward buried water lines, with 23 miles of lines installed over the past five years. The lines have spigots at regular intervals, "and we can hook onto any one of them with the roller and go in any direction."

While ample rainfall resulted in very good pasture conditions this year, and thus less rotation of cattle from field to field, Drobot says the ability to supply water to the various locations allowed at least part of the cattle to pasture throughout the season during the 2002 drought. That year, some patrons took their cows and calves out in mid-July, while others took advantage of the option to just remove the calves and leave the cows in the pasture for the balance of the summer.

"During the drought, the crew had to move them quite often, every six to 10 days. We have a very good manager, and his rotation works very well."

The pipe roller is only one of Drobot's inventions. Others include a wire roller which hooks on the back of a tractor, and "lots of others. Some work, and some don't." It's almost a sure bet that some of the latter category will join the former, after further modification by the semi-retired rancher who delights in coming up with new ideas.



**A Prairie Farm Report cameraman catches Steve Drobot (above left) and Leonard Demchuk in action as they set up a guide that lifts pipe to drain water out of it before it is rolled onto the reel of the Drobot Roller.**

**The Roller's massive reel (right) is powered by the gears and pulleys which once ran the square baler which forms the basis for the unit.** *Yvette Best photo*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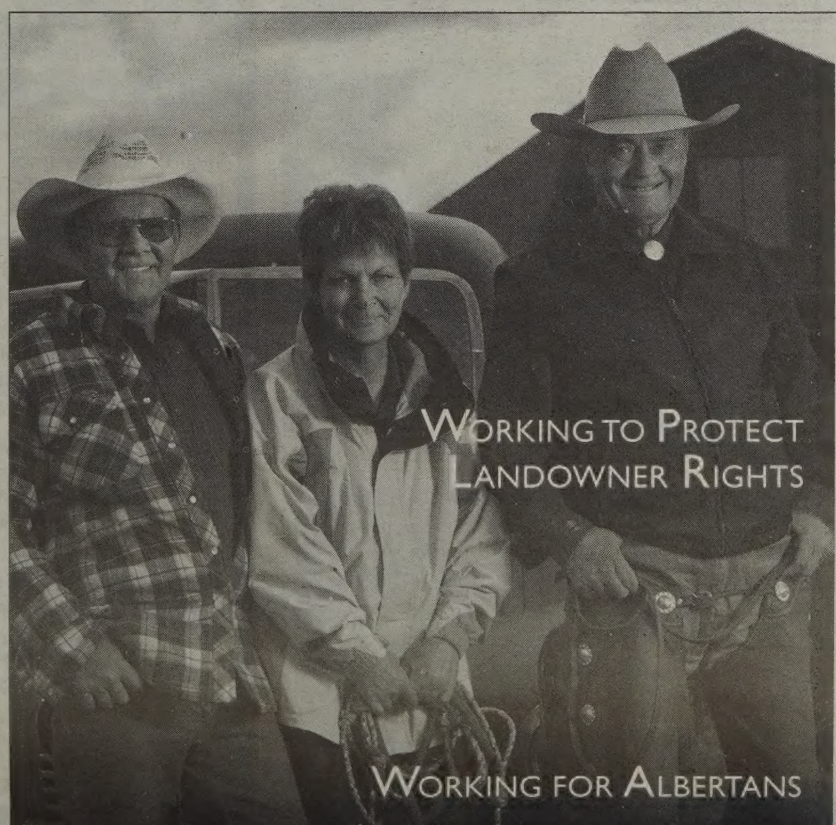


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# Local bride wins dream honeymoon

By Vicki Brooker
*Review Staff*

A local bride-to-be was awakened bright and early on Wednesday, September 28 by a phone call telling her that she and her fiancé were the winners of a dream honeymoon.

Candice Quist said her fiancé, Chad Ammerman, listens to a morning show on a radio station in his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The show hosts wanted grooms to phone in and tell them why their bride-to -be is their soulmate. He called in and left a message, telling how we met and what he thinks of me. The next morning they played his message on the radio."

Chad called Candice that evening, and told her he had entered the contest, which had prizes such as a wedding cake, a groom's cake, tuxedo rental , a wedding gown and wedding flowers to be drawn for, and said, "I think there's a trip, too."

Chad Ammerman and Candice Quist

After briefly considering how the cake, gown and other prizes would fit into the couple's planned beach wedding in Maui, Hawaii, and thinking that chances of winning were probably unlikely, Candice said, "I forgot about it."

Then Q10 Cincinnati called her home, and after determining that she was indeed Chad's fiancée, "they played what he said, then told me, 'We'd like to take care of your honeymoon.' We get an all-inclusive trip to Jamaica for a week. That's pretty cool. We never thought about winning a trip."

While being awakened at dawn by a phone call is not usually a pleasant way to start the day, Candice said this one was different.

"It was a fine way to wake up."

# County council

*(Continued from Front Page)*

### Pumper trucks

Dennis Bergheim, fire guardian for the county, was given authorization to proceed with looking into the purchase of two pumper trucks, one each for the Mallaig and Ashmont fire departments. Pending budget approval, delivery would likely be taken in late 2006 or early 2007.

### Service agreement

Council gave its nod of approval to a five-year fire services agreement with the Town of St. Paul commencing Jan. 1, 2006. Highlight of the agreement include the town department providing fire assistance where warranted in the county. In return, the county provides and maintains a fire pumper, water tanker and quick response mini-pumper. The county is responsible for 50 per cent of the town department's operating expenses and agrees to participate on a 50 per cent cost share basis with the town in the design, development, construction and management of an expanded fire hall.

### Chamber of Commerce

Representatives of the St. Paul and District Chamber of Commerce attended the council meeting to extend appreciation to the county for its support of the business organization over the past year and to seek input from the county as the chamber begins planning for 2006.

### Big van –small building

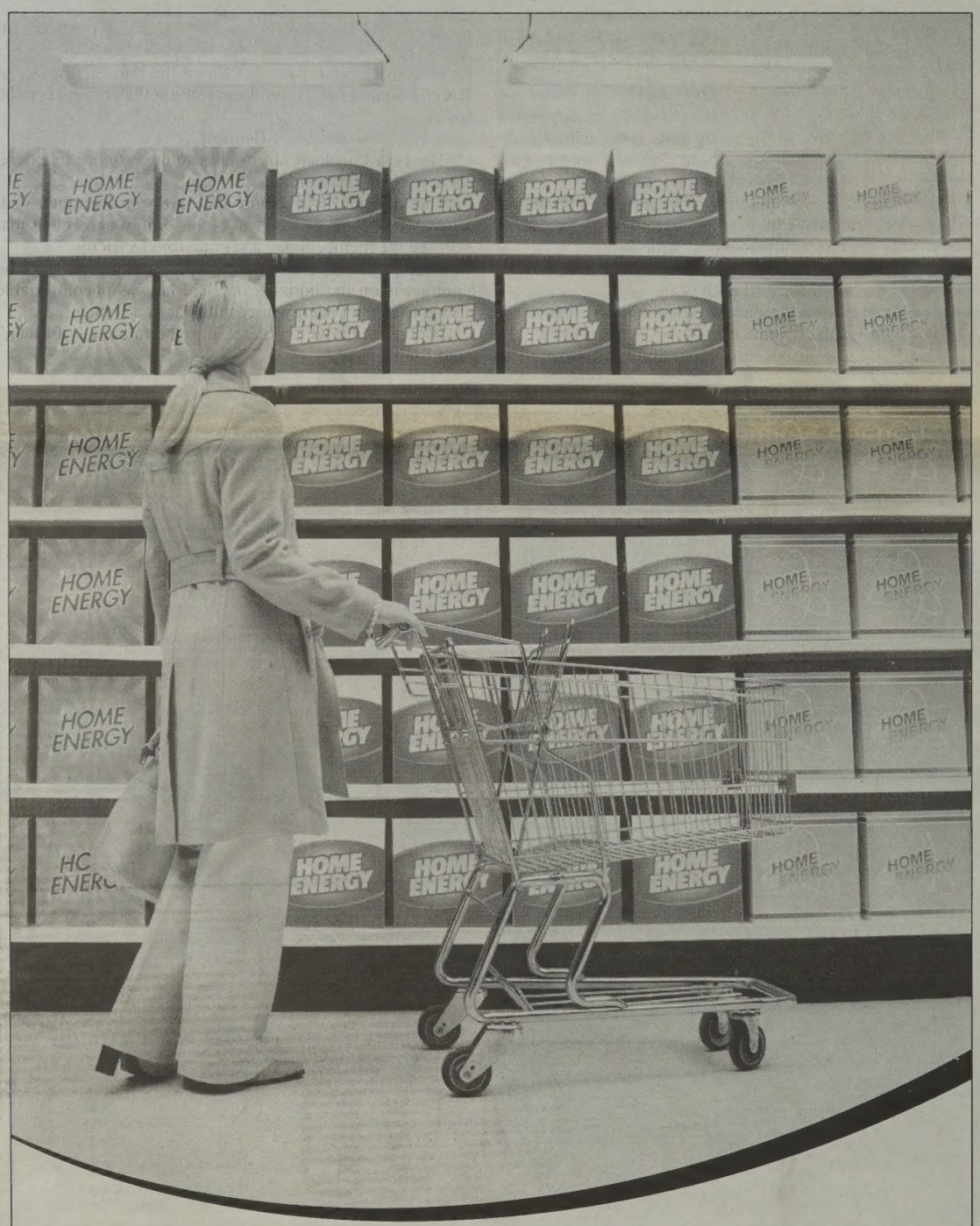
Coun. Tom Kurek reported the Elk Point Fire Department is in a bit of quandary as it appears the rescue van they recently ordered is actually too large for the building.

"It's too big for the building – now they want a new building."

### Cemetery Fencing

Coun. Glen Ockerman said the county will proceed with fencing of a number of cemeteries in the county to keep livestock off the properties.

"It will be barb-wire fencing and just the ones we have ownership of."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The deadline to submit tenders is October 20, 2005 at 4:00 pm. The lowest, nor any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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# School enrollment higher than spring projection

By Jay Gutteridge
*Staff Writer*

Enrollment in St. Paul Education Regional Division schools is higher than spring projections, which means the division will receive more funding than expected this year.

Division administrators informed the trustees of the news at the school board meeting last Wednesday.

"When all is said and done, we expect to be about 150 (students) above the projected amount, and we've adjusted the staff accordingly," said secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne.

The increase in staff will offset the increase in funding.

**Student trustees**

Student trustees who join the board for meetings next year will receive an honorarium after the board decided to amend the policy which established the student trustee program.

The student trustees will meet regularly with superintendent Doug Yeo to discuss education issues, and one student trustee will join the regular trustees at their board meeting each month.

The policy originally stated the student trustee would receive a $1,000 scholarship to a post-secondary institution for attending the school board meetings. However, the board questioned what would happen if the student trustees rotated their attendance at the meetings from month to month, meaning more than one student would have to be rewarded.

The idea of giving the students scholarships was also questioned.

"That may be tough to administer. What if the student doesn't go to post-secondary?" said trustee Ron Rudkowsky.

"We could set up an honorarium and pay them so much per meeting," said Champagne.

"I think along the lines of $50 (per meeting); that way it would cost us $500 for the year," said Rudkowsky.

The board approved Rudkowsky's motion to amend the student trustee policy to award student trustees who attend regular school board meetings with $50 per meeting.

**GA CTS**

The board continues to wait on a decision as to how Career and Technology Studies facilities at the new Glen Avon School will be handled.

The new school design does not include CTS facilities, and the board put forward a proposal to the province to see the facilities at St. Paul Regional High School upgraded so GA and Racette students could use them.

"An official from (Alberta) Infrastructure informed me a couple of announcements may be made prior to the new budget, subject to funding availability," said Champagne.

**Bus drivers**

The division is facing a shortage of bus drivers in the Two Hills area after two drivers resigned two weeks ago.

"We may be in a situation where we have to amalgamate two routes," said Champagne, adding another option would be to contract out one of the routes.

"Presently all of the buses in the County of Two Hills are board owned; none are contracted out? It wouldn't hurt to have one (contracted out)," said Rudkowsky.

**Ashmont business**

The board has no legal recourse to prevent a liquor-serving lounge from opening across the street from Ashmont School, Champagne reported.

Champagne said he sought legal counsel on the issue as per the board's request. The board also sent a letter to the County of St. Paul expressing disappointment in the county subdivision and development appeal board's decision to allow the lounge to proceed.

"Basically what they tell me is from a legal standpoint, we have no legal grounds to challenge the (appeal board's) decision," said Champagne. "From that standpoint, there's probably not a whole lot we can do and be successful."

**School trips**

The board approved two school trips, subject to the division's conditions.

Religious studies coordinator Yvan Beaudoin is organizing a trip to Nicaragua, while F.G. Miller teacher Dave Shankowski is organizing a trip to France in 2007.

Yeo will review the political and environmental conditions in the countries as the trips approach to ensure the situations are safe for the trips.

**Catholic award**

A teacher at one of the division's Catholic schools will receive a special award this year from the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta.

Each Catholic division in the province will select one teacher to receive the award each year.

The board passed the duty of selecting a teacher to the religion and health committee.

The board also discussed the possibility of creating its own award to recognize staff, but that issue was tabled for the next meeting.

**PAUSE**

Yeo updated the board on the statistics as of Sept. 26 from the division's PAUSE in-school suspension program, which is designed to help keep troubled kids in school.

The report indicated that of the 157 students in PAUSE last year, 114 are still attending school in the division, 32 are attending in another division, three graduated, and the division couldn't determine the whereabouts of eight.

The PAUSE program is based out of three locations. In Ashmont and Heinsburg Schools, it is an involuntary program. For other schools in the division, parents have a choice whether or not their kids will participate, and the program is based out of the St. Paul Alternate Education Centre.

**Network towers**

The division is seeking to reach a deal with MCSNET for the use of division network towers.

The division owns several towers which were used for its computer network, but the completion of Alberta SuperNet means the towers are no longer needed.

"I don't know if we're prepared to sell them off yet, so we put together a proposal to lease the space (on the towers)," said Champagne.

"It's a good solution for (MCSNET), and it gives us some cash flow," said trustee Steve Upham.

The board approved sending a lease proposal to MCSNET.

Also, MCSNET will take down the damaged tower at Racette School for $1, on the condition that it can keep the tower.

**Electricity**

The board decided not to take an opportunity to extend its new electricity contract.

The division will begin the five-year contract with ENMAX next year as part of a consortium agreement that will see the members pay a set rate for electricity.

Champagne reported that an opportunity to extend the contract is on the horizon, but said he was uncomfortable trying to predict energy prices this far in advance.

"I don't think we should go into the future any further," said Rudkowsky.

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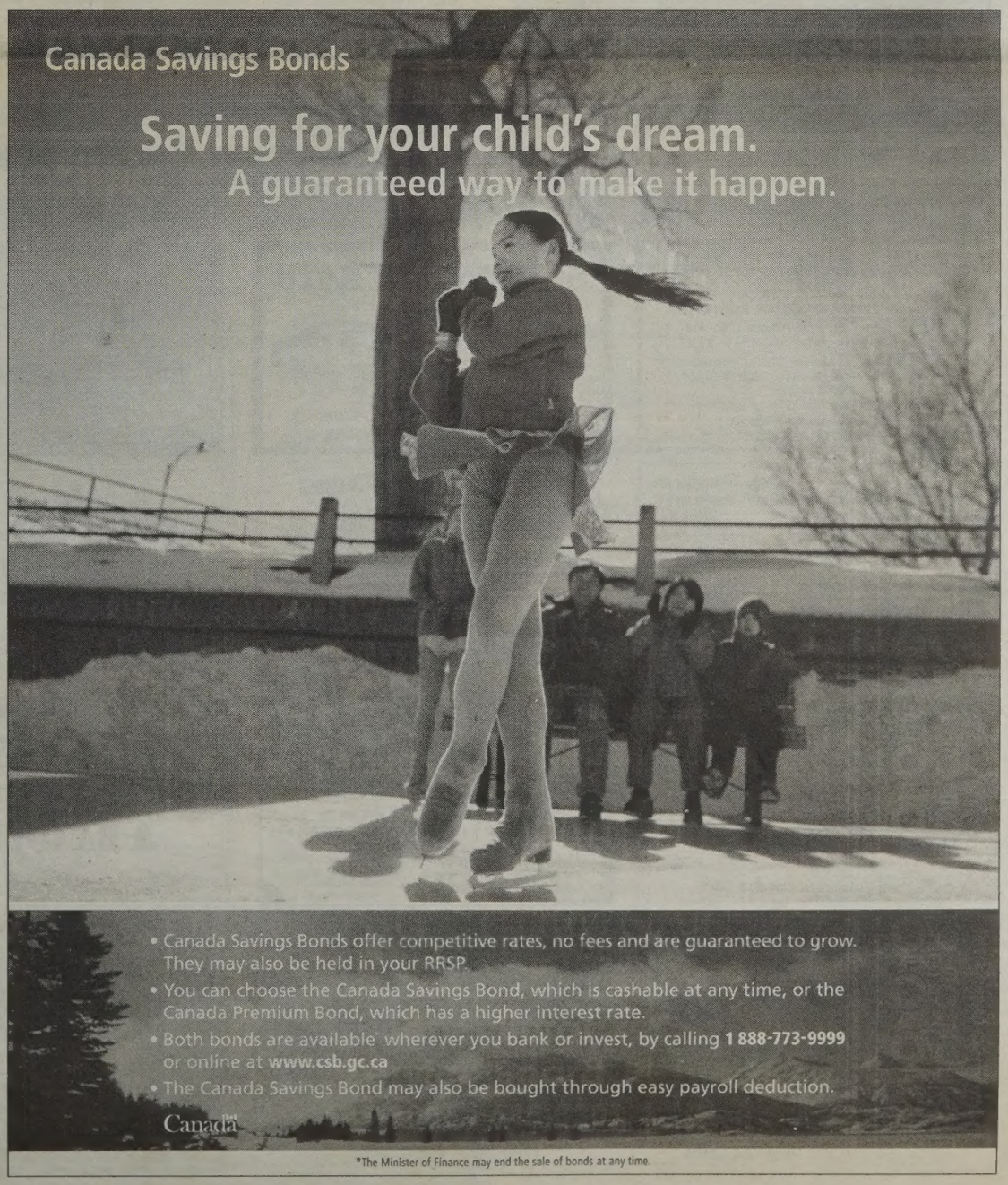

# Fanatics at work: scrapbooking fun is focus of weekend getaway

By Vicki Brooker
*Review Staff*

It was a busy weekend a Scrapbooking Fanatics, southeast of Elk Point, as a group of eager enthusiasts gathered to spend Friday evening and all day Saturday working on scrapbooking projects.

Jackie Ludlage, who hosts the getaways and teaches scrapbooking classes for both adults and kids, has turned her basement into a virtual treasure trove of scrapbooking goodies, from all kinds of papers, albums, stickers and embellishments to a 'creation station' where members can use Ludlage's huge accumulation of scrapbooking tools, stamps and punches.

"It's one of the biggest perks," she says.

Scrapbooking is much more than pasting pictures onto pages, she says.

"It's all about taking your favorite memories and telling your story."

Sewing, metal, quilling, painting and watercolors can be used to create unique settings for that special photo or memento.

"The sky's the limit."

Ludlage also offers classes in creating greeting cards, and will be offering several Christmas-gift-oriented classes in the near future. "And I have tons of gift ideas for scrapbookers, including gift certificates."

Ludlage also has an online business at www.scrapbookingfanatics.com,and will be taking her show on the road to upcoming craft shows in Derwent and at F. G. Miller High in Elk Point.

**Getting away to it all, these ladies enjoyed a full Friday evening and all day Saturday, elbow deep in their favorite hobby: creating one-of-a-kind scrapbooking pages and projects.**
*Vicki Brooker photos*

**Jackie Ludlage displays a sign which will be one of the projects for upcoming kids' scrapbooking courses. On the wall are pages created by young participants at previous courses.**


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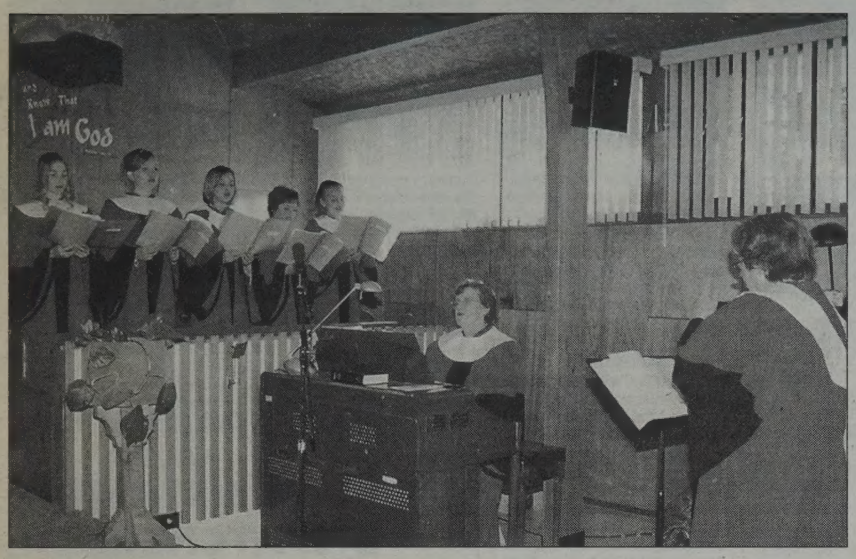


## New at Elk Point United

Times are changing at Elk Point United Church, with the formation of a youth choir and the welcoming of new preacher Harold Imes. Above, left to right, Leigha Bishop, Bailey Oster, Desiree Rosher, Elizabeth Orr and Dayle Oster are accompanied by Gabe Bayduza on the organ and directed by Holly Myshaniuk. At right, Myshaniuk and the choir join Imes to admire his new nameplate on the church sign.

*Vicki Brooker photos*

## Happy Birthday times two

It took the combined effort of both Margaret and Lawrence Modin to blow out a whole cake full of candles as the two celebrated their 80th and 85th birthdays, respectively, at Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre on October 8, with family and numerous friends.

*Vicki Brooker photo*

# Magazines multiply @ the library

By Vicki Brooker
*Review Staff*

Have you seen how many great magazines are available on the racks at Elk Point Public Library? There are titles for many interests, from healthy living to homemaking .

Some of the newest additions to the magazine lineup include....

**Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion** - Long known as a delightful artist, Mary Engelbreit also edits a lifestyle magazine that promises artistic decorating ideas, advice from artists and designers, inspiring projects, keepsake artwork, quirky collections and homes that "honour the past and welcome the future." The most recent issue shows the home of a lampshade designer, tales of renovation of a beach house and a basic ranch house, tips for colour-shy decorators, costume and decorating ideas for Halloween and pumpkin recipes that go way "beyond the pie."

**Quilter's World** invites you to "make a memory," quilt as a fundraiser for cancer research and "paint your quilts with shaving foam" ... and that's only on the front cover. Inside are designs for seven autumn-flavoured quilts ranging from wall hangings to bed-sized beauties, plus tips and designs for turning your family photos into unique quilted treasures, plus features on the use of fabric inks, a vintage quilt from the 1900s and advice from a quilt designer. Other quilting titles include Quilt-maker and Quilter's World.

**Alberta Gardener** is a growing favorite in the library lineup. Billed as "Alberta's own gardening magazine... about gardening where you live," this magazine provides what many gardening enthusiasts need: facts and information that fit Alberta's climate zones and growing conditions. Check out their Centennial Edition for stories on "100 Years of Growing in Alberta," with stories on the people who have excelled in Alberta's plant world, historic gardens across the province, and the living heritage that will continue to make our province beautiful well into its second century. Other gardening titles include Canadian Gardening and The Gardener for the Prairies.

## Obituary

### HOARD, Hazel

On October 9, 2005, Mrs. Hazel Hoard of Bonnyville, formerly of Elk Point, passed away at the age of 78 years.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Julie (Gary) Boyko of Bonnyville & Bonnie (Mike) Thomas of Edmonton; 4 grandchildren, Donovan (Niki Kozie), Rebecca (Nelson), Jason & Heather; 1 brother & 3 sisters, Neil (Mary) Nelson of Lindbergh, Beulah Williams of Edmonton, Irene Melin of Elk Point & Hilda Smith of Heinsburg; 2 sisters-in-law, Olive Nelson & Gwen Nelson both of Elk Point & numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence in 1974; 1 son, Perry in 1977; her parents, Chris & Amy Nelson; 2 brothers, Edward & Carl and 1 sister, Audrey Lorenson.

A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elk Point United Church, Elk Point. Pastor Harold Imes officiated with interment in Ferguson Flats Cemetery, Lindbergh. If desired, donations my be made to the Alzheimer Association of Alberta c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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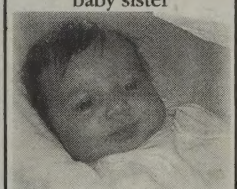

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**REVIEW**

# Road Hammers sell out Saturday's Elk Point stop

By Vicki Brooker
*Staff Writer*

You've heard them on CDs and the radio, you've seen them on prime-time television, and now, if you're lucky, you just might see them live in Elk Point... if you got your tickets early.

The Canadian Country Music Association's Group of the Year, the Road Hammers, will hit the stage at Slinger's Pub and Grill in Elk Point on Saturday night, on the 10th stop of their 34-show, coast-to-coast Canadian tour.

Fresh from appearances at sites ranging from Cactus Jack's in Kamloops and the Commodore Ballroom in Vancouver to Cowboy's in Calgary and Cook County Saloon in Edmonton, Jason McCoy, Clayton Bellamy and Chris Byrne are set to rock Elk Point with their maverick mixture of country, southern rock and blues in an energetic show.

Tickets are long since sold out, as is the case for three-quarters of the shows on the tour, according to Bellamy, who is not surprised by the enthusiasm. Raised in the Moose Lake - Bonnyville area, he expects to see lots of familiar faces in the audience, and says, "I'm sure looking forward to it."

Ever since he and bass player/harmony singer Chris Byrne joined 2004 CCMA Vocalist of the Year Jason McCoy to form the Road Hammers a year and a half ago, "there's been an overwhelming response, from fans, the radio and everyone."

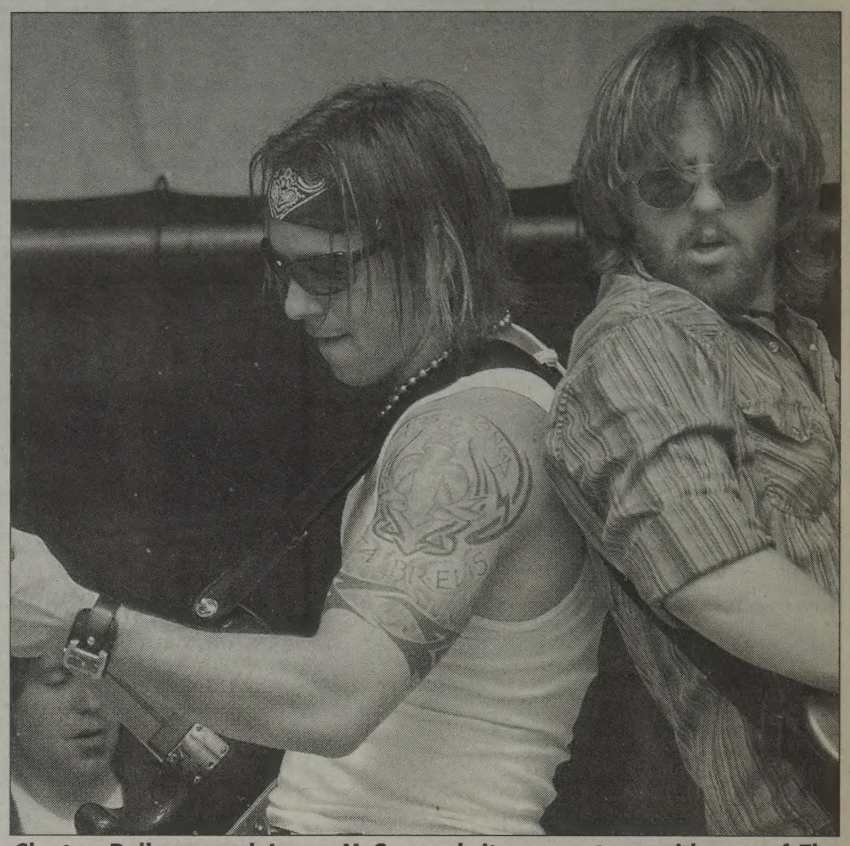
The Road Hammers is "an original band," Bellamy says. "We write our own songs." One of these, the autobiographical flagship anthem, "I'm A Road Hammer," is the headline song on their self-titled debut album, which shot straight to the top of the charts when it was released in May, and has just been released in Australia and the U.S. Along with original songs, the album includes such truck driving favorites as Del Reeves' "Girl on the Billboard" and Jerry Reed's "East Bound and Down" and has been called "the definitive and ultimate driving album."

Bellamy has been singing "since I was nine or 10," and professionally for almost 10 years. He, his wife and six-month-old son live on a small farm near Bonnyville where they enjoy each other's company and the rural life between musical engagements.

Bellamy is living proof that it's not all that far from playing gigs in local bars, where he once was beaned with a beer bottle when his band didn't play the patrons' kind of music, to performing at Big Valley Jamboree and the Legendary Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto. He feels more performers from this corner of Alberta could follow his tracks to the big time.

"There's a lot of talent in the area," Bellamy says of northeast Alberta, citing such up-and-coming musicians as Brett Kissel and Mike Plume.

Incidentally, it's not unusual for big talent to play small-town venues. The very same locale, then known as the Elk Point Hotel, has echoed with the sounds of Clay Walker, Michelle Wright and the Johner Brothers, among other top-notch entertainment.



**Clayton Bellamy and Jason McCoy rock it up on stage with one of The Road Hammers' hit songs.** *Photo submitted*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